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For: STORAGE SYSTEM

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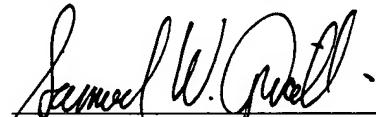
claims priority from the above-identified application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached hereto.

The claimed invention is patentable over the enclosed references. No representations are made regarding the references other than those set forth above.

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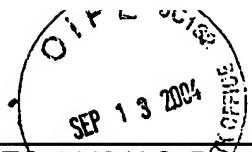
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